

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated May 22, 2006 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

By this response, claims 16 and 17 are hereby amended. Claims 21-25 are hereby added. Claims 14 and 15 have been withdrawn from consideration. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 16, 17 and 21-25 are currently pending. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,573,972 to Sasaki et al. (hereinafter “Sasaki”). Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sasaki in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,893,625 to Tamatani et al. (hereinafter “Tamatani”).

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claim 16 and reconsideration is requested. Claim 16 is allowable over the cited prior art at least in that each of these claims recites a combination of element, including, for example, “A seal pattern forming device of a liquid crystal display (LCD) panel for forming seal patterns around a plurality of LCD image display regions having different sizes formed on the same substrate, comprising: a first seal pattern printer forming at least one first seal pattern around a first image display region on a first panel region of a base substrate by a first printing method; a second seal pattern printer forming at least one second seal pattern around a second image display region on a second panel region of the base substrate by a second printing method; a loader transferring the base substrate to the second seal pattern printer; and an unloader receiving the base substrate on which the first seal pattern and the second seal pattern are formed from the first seal pattern printer...” Sasaki fails to teach or suggest at least this feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claim 16.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claim 17 and reconsideration is requested. Claim 17 is allowable over the cited prior art at least in that each of these claims recites a combination of element, including, for example, “A seal pattern forming device of a liquid crystal display (LCD) panel for forming seal patterns around a plurality of LCD image

display regions having different sizes formed on the same substrate, comprising: a first seal pattern printer forming at least one first seal pattern around a first image display region on a first panel region of a base substrate by a first printing method; a second seal pattern printer forming at least one second seal pattern around a second image display region on a second panel region of the base substrate by a second printing method; a loader transferring the base substrate to the first seal pattern printer; and an unloader receiving the base substrate on which the first seal pattern and the second seal pattern are formed from the second seal pattern printer..." Sasaki and Tamatani, singly or in combination, fail to teach or suggest at least this feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claim 17.

Furthermore, claims 21-25 are allowable over the cited prior art at least in that each of these claims recite a combination of elements not taught or suggested by the cited prior art.

Applicants believe the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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